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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2001/45 of 20 December 2001, 2002/40 of 19 December 2002 and 2003/60 of 25 July 2003,

Reaffirming the role of the public service in the attainment of national goals for social and economic development, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[1]

Recognizing the centrality of public administration with respect to planning and provision of public services as well as in the creation of an enabling environment to promote sustainable development;

1. *Takes note* of the Report of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration on its third session;[2]

2. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

3. *Encourages* the international community, in this regard, to increase financial, material and technical support to developing countries, with a view to assisting their efforts to strengthen their public administration and managerial capacities, and calls upon the United Nations system to provide further substantive

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 44* (E/2004/44).

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technical and advisory support to developing countries, at their request, aimed at strengthening their public service delivery;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative of the African countries to strengthen their institutional capacities and their public service through appropriate mechanisms or institutions, in particular the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

5. *Also welcomes* the recommendations of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration concerning the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly on public administration and development;

6. *Encourages* Member States to consider, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the Committee of Experts of Public Administration;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to focus the work of the Organization on public administration according to the recommendations contained in its decision 2004/302 of 23 July 2004, General Assembly resolution 58/231 of 23 December 2003 and the report of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration, in particular those aimed at: strengthening the human capital in the public sector; facilitating access to information and best practices; and strengthening public administration institutions in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with Member States on a regular basis, keeping in mind its resolution 2001/45 and its annex, to review and propose a mechanism to the substantive session of the Council of 2006 and to enhance the process of the appointment of members of the Committee;

9. *Encourages* the United Nations system and Member States to celebrate United Nations Public Service Day in a more visible manner and to nominate candidates for the United Nations Public Service Awards.